

FORM F - STRUCTURE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	802

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

1. Town Rehoboth

Address Carpenter Street

Name Carpenter Bridge

Present use Bridge on public roadway

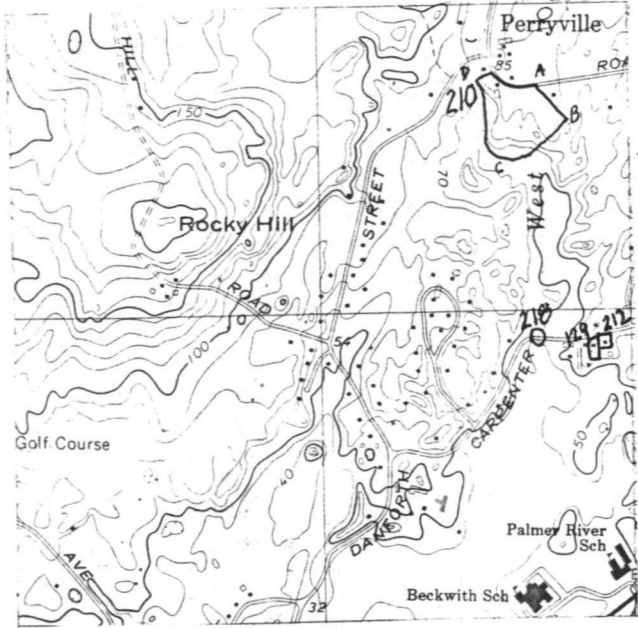
Present owner Town of Rehoboth

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.

3. Type of structure (check one)

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| bridge | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | pound | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| canal | <input type="checkbox"/> | powder house | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| dam | <input type="checkbox"/> | street | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| fort | <input type="checkbox"/> | tower | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| gate | <input type="checkbox"/> | tunnel | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| kiln | <input type="checkbox"/> | wall | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| lighthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> | windmill | <input type="checkbox"/> |

other _____



5. Description

Date 1873

Source Town Records

Construction material stone pier - a clear span with one pier and two abutments.

Setting rural context

Condition restored 1981

UTM: 19/312680/4635920

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by J.F. Manyan

Organization Rehoboth Historic Commission

Date February 1982

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Town of Rehoboth

Original use Bridge

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Carpenter Street Bridge (1873) which spans the west branch of the Palmer River at Carpenter Street is the only surviving example of the small stone bridges built to span Rehoboth's many streams in the 19th century; others have been replaced by modern concrete and culvert construction.

The present bridge replaced an early double span wooden bridge erected c.1720 when Carpenter Street, originally an Indian trail, was recognized as a public road. It was probably first used primarily to transport sawn lumber from Rehoboth mills to coastal towns for sale and shipment; later it facilitated the transport of corn and grain to and from mills, as well as the movement of Rehoboth's growing population. The bridge continued in use with only minor repairs until 1873 when a special appropriation was made at Town Meeting to replace it with a lower maintenance stone bridge.

The Carpenter Street Bridge was erected in two weeks in the summer of 1873 under William Lake, road boss, and three assistants at a total cost of \$218.15 (\$15 for materials). Only local stone from Rehoboth farms and locally milled guard rail timber were used. Construction consists of two head abutments and a central pier of dry laid fieldstone flared at the top to reduce the cap stone span. The cap stones measure up to 10 feet long, 3 feet wide and 18 inches thick. Low stone retaining walls extend along the road for several yards, infilled between the walls and road bed with gravel.

10. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Brown House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Trace M. Boyd 6/6/83

Attest

12. Briggs Tavern

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

13. Carpenter Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

14. Carpenter, Christopher,
House (60 Carpenter St.)

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

15. Carpenter House
(89 Carpenter St.)

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

16. Carpenter, Col. Thomas, III,
House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

17. Cushing, Caleb, Farm

Combined

Keeper

Attest

18. Cushing ^{CALEB,} House and FARM

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

19. Drown, Nathaniel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

20. Elm Cottage/Blanding Farm

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Carpenter Bridge (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 5/26/83 - 6/9/83
Action: ACCEPT 6/6/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Entered in the
National Register

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
 Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition Check one Check one
 excellent deteriorated unaltered original site
 good ruins altered moved date _____
 fair unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

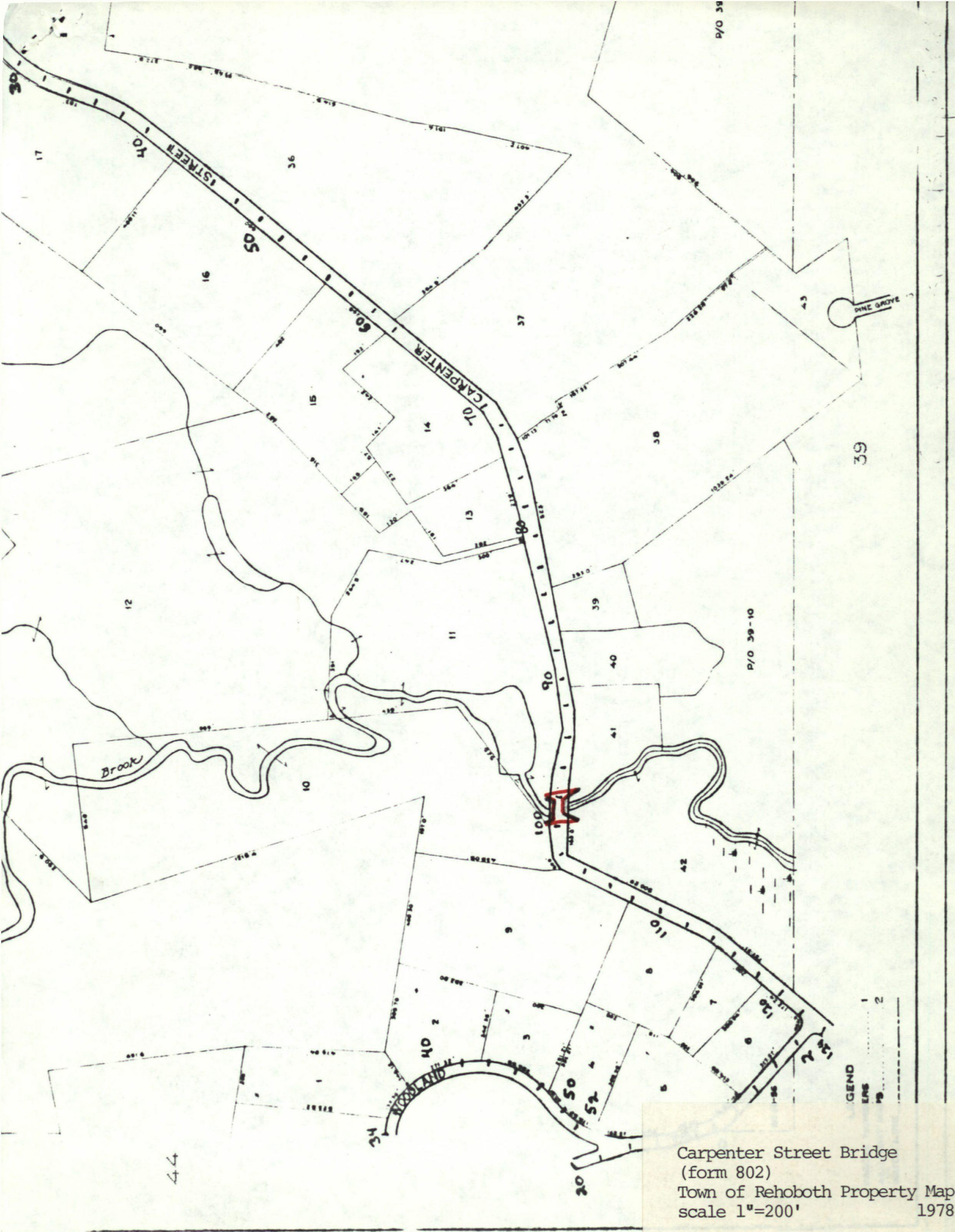
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Carpenter - Bridge

Rehobath MRA, Ma



Carpenter Street Bridge
 (form 802)
 Town of Rehoboth Property Map
 scale 1"=200' 1978

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292